

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on February 11, 2005 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 543, 2/7/2005; HB 566, 2/7/2005;  
HB 583, 2/7/2005  
Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 543**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. PENNY MORGAN (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on **HB 543**, One license plate to be issued and displayed on motor vehicle.  
00:02:19

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:34 Dwight Wade, Montana Car Club

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a02\)](#)

00:09:04 Doug Strong, Helena Street Rodders

00:10:07 Don Brocopp, Billings Street Rodders

00:11:00 Bob Stredwick, Bozeman

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:11:32 Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a04\)](#)

00:17:33 Jim Smith, Montana Peace Officers Association

00:18:59 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

**Informational Testimony:**

00:19:27 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

00:20:14 Gail Lambert, Montana Correctional Enterprises

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:59

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:06

**HEARING ON HB 566**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on **HB 566**, Revise law on license plates and decals.  
00:27:57

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:41 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division

00:33:01 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a06\)](#)

00:36:26 Mark Taylor, Montana Highway Patrol Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:22

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:29

**HEARING ON HB 583**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95**, opened the hearing on **HB 583**,  
Registration of rental cars in county where office located.  
01:02:02

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:03:37 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:04:25 Robert Ward, Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
01:06:36 Steve Costley, Montana Car Rental Association  
01:08:42 Bill Hilsendeger, Dollar Rent-A-Car  
01:10:03 Andy Wilcox, Alamo & National Car Rental  
01:11:31 Jeff Taylor, Alamo Rent-A-Car

**EXHIBIT**(trh34a07)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:14:05 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:25

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:40:12

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh34aad0.TIF](#))**